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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications are not enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks.

1. **EP 0 796 850** – This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,931,973.

2. **FR 2 089 423** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 3,893,802.
3. **FR 2 807 649** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
4. **EP 0 923 929** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002-152558.

Applicants have enclosed a copy of the priority application's French Search Report for the Examiner's consideration.

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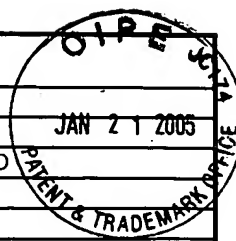
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